

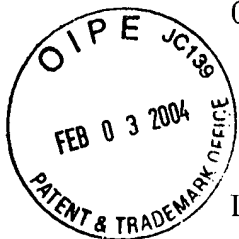
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,640,487
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 6,236,964
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,272,242
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,314,400
- (5) Schiel, et al., "The Partitur Format at BAS", In Proceedings of the First International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation, Granada, Spain, 1998, 7 pages.

Documents (1) to (5) were recently cited in a Notice of References Cited, Form PTO-892, accompanying a Notice of Allowance, which was mailed on December 1,


2003 in connection with U.S. Patent Application No. 09/695,078.

It is hereby certified that no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

The subject application has received a Notice Of Allowance, however payment of the issue fee has not yet been made. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) and the certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), and is therefore believed to be timely filed. The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

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